GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services - MA&UD Department – Certain irregularities in execution of CC Road works from State Bank to Main Junction Ring Road at Nellimarla Panchayat in Vizianagaram District, taken up by the Public Health Department - Departmental action initiated against Sri B.H.Srinivasa Rao, the then Superintending Engineer, P.H.Circle, Visakhapatnam and five (5) others under Rule-20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 – Inquiry conducted - Charges held 'not proved' – Dropped further action against (i) Sri B.H. Srinivasa Rao, the then Superintending Engineer and (ii) Sri V. Atchinnaidu, the then Municipal Commissioner of Nellimarla Nagar Panchayat - Orders – Issued.

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION & URBAN DEVELOPMENT (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.479 **Dated:08.07.2024**

Read the following:

1. From the Director General, G.A. (V&E) Dept., Vigilance Report No.39(C.No.148/V&E/E/2017), dated.28.06.2018.
2. G.O.Rt.No.819, MA&UD (Vig.I) Department, dated.28.08.2018
3. G.O.Rt.Nos.978 & 983, MA&UD (Vig.I) Department, dated.25.10.2018.
4. Written Statement of Defences Sri B.H. Srinivasa Rao, the then Superintending Engineer and Sri V. Atchinnaidu, the then Municipal Commissioner of Nellimarla Nagar Panchayat.
5. G.O.Rt.No.48, MA&UD (Vig.I) Department, dated.22.01.2020.
6. G.O.Rt.No.49, MA&UD (Vig.I) Department, dated.22.01.2020.
7. Inquiry Report of Sri M.Venkateswara Rao, Enquiry Officer & the then Chief Engineer, GVMC Visakhapatnam, Lr.Roc.No.021346/2020/GVMC, dated.21.09.2020.
8. Govt.Memo.No.1486665/Vig.I/2018, dated.26.02.2021.
9. Written representations of Sri B.H. Srinivasa Rao, the then Superintending Engineer and Sri V. Atchinnaidu, the then Municipal Commissioner of Nellimarla Nagar Panchayat.
10. Govt.Memo.No.1486665/Vig.I/2018, dated.03.11.2021.
11. From the ENC(PH)., A.P., Tadepalli, Lr.No.20299/V&E/VR.No.39/CS2/2012, Dated:26.04.2022.
12. From Sri K.V.N.Ravi, the then S.E, GVMC & Investigation officer, Lr.No.012/2023-24/GVMC, Dated:06.10.2023.

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O R D E R:

Whereas, in the reference 1st read above, it has been brought to the notice of the Government by the Director General, G.A. (V&E) Department that the V&E officials enquired into the allegations of irregularities in the execution of road works taken up by the Public Health Department in Vizianagaram District and recommended to initiate departmental action against Sri B.H.Srinivasa Rao, the then Superintending Engineer, P.H.Circle, Visakhapatnam and five (5) others of Nellimarla Nagar Panchayat, Vizianagaram.

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2. In the reference 2nd read above, Government initiated common disciplinary proceedings against Sri B.H.Srinivasa Rao, the then Superintending Engineer, P.H.Circle, Visakhapatnam and five (5) others of Nellimarla Nagar Panchayat, Vizianagaram, under Rule-24 of A.P.C.S. (CC&A) Rules, 1991. In the reference 3rd read above, articles of charges were framed against (i) Sri B.H. Srinivasa Rao, the then Superintending Engineer; and (ii) Sri V. Atchinnaidu, the then Municipal Commissioner of Nellimarla Nagar Panchayat, under Rule-20 of A.P.C.S. (CC&A) Rules, 1991, duly directing them to submit their written statement of defence thereon.

3. Having not convinced with the WSDs submitted by the charged officers, Government appointed Sri M.Venkateswara Rao, the then Chief Engineer, GVMC Visakhapatnam, as an Inquiry Officer to inquire into the charges framed against all the charged officers, vide reference 5th read above. In the reference 6th read above, Sri M.Vinay Kumar, the then Superintending Engineer, GVMC., Visakhapatnam, was appointed as Presenting Officer to present the case before the Inquiry authority on behalf of the disciplinary authority.

4. In the reference 7th read above, Sri M.Venkateswara Rao, the then Chief Engineer, GVMC Visakhapatnam, submitted his Inquiry report concluding that, the charges framed against (i) Sri B.H. Srinivasa Rao, the then Superintending Engineer; and (ii) Sri V. Atchinnaidu, the then Municipal Commissioner of Nellimarla Nagar Panchayat were held 'not proved' in the Inquiry.

5. Government have examined the Inquiry report and communicated a copy of Inquiry report along with disagreement factors to (i) Sri B.H. Srinivasa Rao, the then Superintending Engineer; and (ii) Sri V. Atchinnaidu, the then Municipal Commissioner of Nellimarla Nagar Panchayat, Vizianagaram, under Rule 21 (2) of APCS (CC&A) Rules 1991 and directed to submit their written representations, if any, on the findings of the Inquiry officer vide reference 8th read above.

6. In the reference 9th read above, (i) Sri B.H. Srinivasa Rao, the then Superintending Engineer; and (ii) Sri V. Atchinnaidu, the then Municipal Commissioner of Nellimarla Nagar Panchayat submitted their written representations duly accepting the findings of Inquiry Officer and requested to drop further action against them.

7. In the reference 10th read above, the ENC (PH), A.P., Guntur was requested to offer his specific remarks on the written representations; keeping in view of the disagreement factors, for taking a provisional decision in the matter. Accordingly, the ENC(PH)., A.P., Guntur submitted the specific remarks of the then Chief Engineer, AP TIDCO, Vijayawada, vide reference 11th read above.

8. Government after careful examination of the matter; keeping in view of the findings of the Inquiry report, written representations of the charged officers and Keeping in view the recommendations of ENC(PH)., and circumstances reported by the Chief Engineer/Superintending Engineer, vide references 11th & 12th read above, it has been decided to drop further action against (i) Sri B.H.

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Srinivasa Rao, the then Superintending Engineer; and (ii) Sri V. Atchinnaidu, the then Municipal Commissioner of Nellimarla Nagar Panchayat, as the charges are held not proved in the Inquiry.

9. Accordingly, Government hereby order to drop further action against (i) Sri B.H. Srinivasa Rao, the then Superintending Engineer; and (ii) Sri V. Atchinnaidu, the then Municipal Commissioner of Nellimarla Nagar Panchayat, Vizianagaram.

10. The Commissioner & Director of Municipal Corporation., A.P., Guntur and Engineer –In –Chief (Public Health), A.P., Guntur shall take further necessary action in the matter, accordingly.

11. The receipt of the G.O., shall be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

ANIL KUMAR SINGHAL
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri B.H. Srinivasa Rao, the then Superintending Engineer, Vizianagaram
- **through** the E-N-C(PH)., A.P., Guntur.
Sri V. Atchinnaidu, the then Municipal Commissioner of
Nellimarla Nagar Panchayat - **through** the C&DMA., A.P., Guntur.
The Commissioner & Director of Municipal Corporation., A.P., Guntur.
The Engineer –In –Chief (Public Health), A.P., Guntur.

Copy to:
The General Administration (V&E) Department, A.P., Vijayawada.
The Secretary to A.P.Vigilance Commission, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi.
The OSD to Minister (MA & UD).
The PS to Special CS., MA & UD Department.
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SECTION OFFICER.